

Welcome to the Certified Livestock Producer Program

The Certified Livestock Producer Program (CLPP) will recognize producers who demonstrate publicly their commitment to the environment, animal well-being, food safety, emergency planning and being a good neighbor in their community. The Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) will publicly recognize producers who meet the criteria of the program. The producer's personal values of trust, integrity, respect, responsibility, accountability, environmental stewardship and animal husbandry run deep in agriculture. As new technology and management practices in agriculture change, those same values continue to provide consumer confidence in a safe and wholesome food supply.

The CLPP was developed with the help of many individuals, companies, associations, universities and state agencies. A great deal of thanks and appreciation goes to our 19-member advisory board. The board consists of a diverse group of experts who gave a great deal of time, effort and support to develop this program.

The goals of the program are to recognize producers who are willing to demonstrate their commitment to the five components of the program and to showcase their responsible production practices, ethics and values. ISDA will not certify producers who fail to meet the standards and values of this program.

The program consists of five major sections:

- Environment
- Food Safety/Animal Well-Being
- Emergency Plan
- Biosecurity
- Good Neighbor

Each section contains the following:

- Educational component
- Self assessment quiz
- Action plan
- Validation of completion

The program is open to all producers of livestock species with any size operation. To apply to the program, please mail or fax the attached application form to:

Indiana State Department of Agriculture
Certified Livestock Producer Program
101 W Ohio Street, Suite 1200
Indianapolis, IN 46204
Fax: 317-232-1362

Upon receipt of the application form, ISDA will verify that the farm is in good standing with the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) and the Board of Animal Health (BOAH) per the requirements for acceptance into the program. The CLPP manual will be sent to

the producer. The manual can be completed independently or at a one-day regional training session. The following is an outline of the certification process:

Environment Section

- Meet IDEM compliance
- Self-assessment (minimum score of 100 points)
- Grazing animals self assessment signed (minimum score of 100 points)
- Complete validation form

Food Safety/Animal Well-Being Section

- Certificate of completion from a national or state program
- Complete validation form

Emergency Plan Section

- Self-assessment (minimum score of 100 points)
- Fire department check list completed and signed
- Complete validation form

Biosecurity Section

- Self-assessment (minimum score of 100 points completed)
- Veterinarian assessment completed and signed
- Complete validation form

Good Neighbor Section

- Self-assessment (minimum score of 100 points completed)
- Complete validation form

Certified livestock producers adhere to a “Professional Promise” of integrity, respect, performance, excellence and accountability.

The manual includes: educational materials, development of plans or an acceptable plan has been developed, self assessments and validation. After completion contact ISDA to set an appointment for an on-farm review of the completed requirements. The ISDA contact person is:

Sara Davis
Program Manager, Certified Livestock Producer Program
Indiana State Department of Agriculture
(317) 232-8777
skdavis@isda.in.gov

Thank you for your interest in the Certified Livestock Producer Program. We look forward to recognizing your accomplishments.



Certified Livestock Producer Program Application Form

Date _____

Owner or Entity to be certified _____

Certification will include ALL locations owned or operated by the above name.

Certification process may be completed by the following designee(s) of owner or entity:

Farm name*			
Mailing Address	City	State	Zip
County			
Location of Operation (if different than above)			
	City	State	Zip
Phone	Fax		
E-mail			
Do you have a BOAH Premise ID?		Yes	No
List BOAH premise ID number(s) (optional)			
Does the farm operation have an IDEM permit		Yes	No
Fertilizer Material Applicators License (when available)		Yes	No
Is manure from this operation marketed or applied by a third party?		Yes	No
Have you received a Notice of Violation from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management Office of Enforcement within the past two years?*			
		Yes	No
Have you received an environmental violation from any other state?		Yes	No

I (we) affirm, under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing representations (are) true.

Signature of applicant: _____

Printed name: _____

Please check the type of farm:

- ☐ Beef (include dairy/beef and grazing cattle)
- ☐ Beef in confinement
- ☐ Veal
- ☐ Dairy
- ☐ Broilers
- ☐ Layers
- ☐ Ducks
- ☐ Turkeys
- ☐ Pork
- ☐ other *please describe* _____

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Please refer to the CLPP guidelines for acceptance and dismissal.

Certified Livestock Producer Promise

I, _____, promise to meet or exceed the high standards
(name)
of the Certified Livestock Producer Program.

INTEGRITY

Integrity is at the heart of everything we do. Trust and honesty is the foundation of our relationships with our employees, neighbors, community and all others

RESPECT

We respect and listen to the concerns and opinions of others. We raise our animals in a socially-responsible way and provide the utmost protection to the land and water.

PERFORMANCE EXCELLENCE

We hold ourselves to a high standard of performance. We pride ourselves in developing innovative ideas and applying these ideas to our operations. We never stop asking ourselves how we can improve.

ACCOUNTABILITY

We take responsibility for our actions as individuals, farms and the livestock industry. We work together and support the high standards of the Certified Livestock Producer Program. However, if a member does not follow this code, membership in the Certified Livestock Producer Program may be terminated.

I promise:

- To be a good steward of the environment and to comply with all federal, state and local regulations
- To respond quickly and safely to emergencies
- To apply best management practices on my farm for the well-being of the animals
- To follow biosecurity protocols that provide for the safety of my product and the security of my operation
- To act in good faith in my relationships with all business entities
- To respect my neighbors and work with honesty, integrity and responsibility toward their concerns about my operation
- To protect and care for the safety of my family and employees
- To be accountable to my peers in the livestock industry with high integrity, values and a caring attitude
- To be a representative of the agriculture industry to the public and an example in my community

Signature _____

Date _____

Print Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Recertification with Continuing Education Credits

The CLPP recognizes producers who have demonstrated their commitment to the environment, animal well-being, food safety, emergency planning and being a good neighbor in their communities. Change is constant in agriculture, and the CLPP strives to keep certified producers up-to-date on new technologies, research, regulations and management practices.

To maintain certification the producer will:

- ☐ Review the original program manual and make any updates to previous plans.
- ☐ Send in verification of current certification of species food safety and animal well-being program
- ☐ Participate in 9 hours of continuing education over a 3-year period of time
- ☐ Verify the owner and farm is in good standing with IDEM and BOAH

The education credits (hours) may be completed by attending ISDA pre-approved programs from the producer's species organizations, veterinarian, Purdue University, other universities, Farm Bureau programs, IDEM programs or others. To receive credit for hours attended, please complete and submit the attached form along with a copy of the program agenda. The agenda should be marked with the number of education hours in the topic area. The agenda must also have a signature or stamp from the organizer of the event. The organizer may also send list of attendees to ISDA.

Criteria for Recertification

Nine hours of continuing education credits from a minimum of three different areas of education must be obtained over a 3-year time period.

Environment/Manure Management	(1-3 hours)
Food Safety/Animal Well-Being	(1-3 hours)
Biosecurity/Herd Health	(1-3 hours)
Emergency Plan or Safety Training	(1-3 hours)
Good Neighbor*	(1-3 hours)

Please complete the attached CLPP recertification form with validation of programs attended and mail to:

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*Good Neighbor hours may include activities to promote agriculture such as farm tours, public speaking about agriculture, serving products at fairs, planting landscape on the farm, educating a neighbor about agriculture or any other activities listed on the Good Neighbor Self-Assessment Form.

Certified Livestock Producer Program Recertification Form

Certified producer name _____
Farm name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Email _____

Date	Location	Event (sponsored by)	Program topic	Hours	CLPP area

Additional information: Please submit the most recent certification of completion from the species food quality and animal well-being program. ISDA will notify you of recertification.

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Guidelines for Entry Into and Removal From the Certified Livestock Producer Program

The purpose of the Certified Livestock Producer Program (CLPP) is to recognize livestock producers that demonstrate, among other things, a commitment to environmental compliance and animal well-being. To maintain and enhance the credibility of the CLPP, these guidelines set forth the basis upon which a producer (1) may be eligible to enter; and (2) may be removed from the CLPP.

For entry into the CLPP, a prospective applicant shall be reviewed based on the following criteria involving the following undisputed administrative, civil, or criminal violations over the previous two-year period immediately prior to the application date:

1. A prospective applicant shall not have been convicted of any offense against animals, as defined by Ind. Code § 35-46-3 et seq.;
 2. A prospective applicant shall not have been convicted of any offense related to water pollution control laws under Ind. Code § 13-30-10-3;
 3. A prospective applicant shall not be subject to the terms of an adverse, final and unappealable civil judgment related to an unpermitted discharge that harms waters of the State of Indiana;
 4. A prospective applicant shall have not received and be subject to a final and effective unilateral administrative order from IDEM (issued pursuant to Ind. Code § 13-30-3-4), or another equivalent state or federal agency, that is not timely appealed by the prospective applicant and such order finds a violation related to an unpermitted discharge that harms waters of the State of Indiana; and
 5. Concerning a prospective applicant that has received an informal administrative Notice of Violation (NOV) from IDEM (pursuant to Ind. Code § 13-30-3-3) or another equivalent state or federal agency, that alleged non-compliance related to an unpermitted discharge that harmed waters of the State, and the prospective applicant resolved the NOV through the adoption of an Agreed Order, then the prospective applicant will not be admitted to the CLPP, unless the final Agreed Order contains non-admission language, pursuant to Ind. Code § 13-30-3-3.
- A dairy producer must have a valid dairy farm permit from the Indiana State Board of Animal Health. Failure to provide permit results in a waiting period of thirty days to re-apply.
 - Failure to complete continuing education credits for re-certification. Failure to complete continuing education results in a waiting period of thirty days to re-apply.

If an applicant has never held an interest in a livestock facility, the applicant must be in operation for two years without any qualifying violations (as listed above) before becoming eligible to be certified. However, they may proceed with meeting certification requirements during this period.

Probationary Period: A current member of the CLPP either shall be placed on probation or dismissed from the CLPP based upon the occurrence of one or more qualifying violations. If a producer has been dismissed from the program or an application has been rejected because of a violation, there is a two-year probationary period before applying for recertification. During that time, the producer may not receive an additional qualifying violation; at ISDA's discretion, based on the nature of the violation, additional requirements may be asked of the producer prior to permitting reapplication.